# **Acuity Scale Guidelines**

#### Basic Stage 1: 0-9 points

- Case Management Intake
- Annual Update/Reassessment
- Minimum contact (phone or face-to-face) every year to verify address/phone and check on client's status
- Documentation in progress notes.

# Basic Stage 2: 9-18 points

- Case Management Intake
- Annual Update/Reassessment
- Minimum contact every 90 days to verify address/phone and check on client's status
- None or Minimum Individual Service Plan needs reviewed every 90 days.
- Documentation in progress notes.

### Moderate Stage 3: 19-36 points

- Case Management Intake
- Annual Update/Reassessment
- Minimum contact every 65 days (phone or face-to-face)
- Evaluation of Individual Service Plan every 60 days
- Individual Service Plan goals, activities and outcomes are documented in either: progress notes or VA-CRS ISP form and VA-CRS Progress Notes.

#### **Intensive Stage 4:**

# **37-54 points**

- Case Management Intake
- Annual Update/Reassessment
- Minimum contact every 30 days or less (by phone or face-to-face)
- Evaluation of Individual Service Plan every 30 days
- Multi-disciplinary team with Case Manager involvement
- Individual Service Plan goals, activities and outcomes are documented in either: progress notes or VA-CRS ISP form and VA-CRS Progress Notes.

## COMPARISON OF LEVEL OF CM CONTACT

Level of Need	VDH Standards	New Acuity Scale	Old Acuity Scale
Basic	90 days	every year	every year
Basic 2	90 days	90 days	every year
Moderate	60 days	60 days	every 6 months
Intensive	30 days or less	30 days or less	every 3 months

NOTE: ALL ISPs must be reviewed <u>every 90 days</u> to comply with VDH standards. Clients who are open to CM need an ISP written within 30 calendar days.